

THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT.

Canadians naturally take a great deal of interest in the Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment, the old 100th, which was raised in Canada. The following budget of news has been received from the headquarters of the regiment and should be interesting to all readers of the Military Gazette:

The 1st Battalion (100th) is now Stationed at Deesa, Guyarat, Bombay Presidency in India. The regiment on board H. M. Indian Troopship "Crocodile" on 5th, 6th October, 1877. Strength: Two field officers, six captains, 11 subalterns, one staff, 33 sergeants, 23 corporals, 15 drummers, 620 privates, 60 women, 110 children, and disembarked on 10th November, 1877. It has therefore nearly 16 years foreign service, and by the time it returns home to England in the trooping season 1893-94-95, will have been longer abroad than any other regiment.

On 1st May, 1892, it published its first regimental paper entitled "The Maple Leaf." This paper is published monthly, and in addition to regimental news, contains a short history of the regiment from March, 1858, the time it was raised in Canada, down to the present time. Copies of this paper may be obtained on application to the editor "The Maple Leaf," 100th Royal Canadians, Deesa, Bombay, India.

The collar badge worn by this regiment on their uniform is the Prince of Wales's plume, but it is very probable that the maple leaf of Canada, will very shortly be worn on the collars of the uniform in addition to the plume.

2nd Battalion (109th) is now stationed in Albuhera Barracks, South Camp, Aldershot. It returned home to England from India in 1877, and will soon be going on its tour of foreign service. It is one, if not the smartest regiment in the Aldershot Division. It is like the 100th, celebrated for its fine physique and marching powers. In 1892 it was second by one point only in bayonet exercise team competitions at Aldershot, and also at the Royal military tournament (open to the army) competitions, held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, London. At the army annual athletic sports held at Aldershot in July, 1892, it made a record by its officers' and men's tug-of-war teams, winning both championships for those competitions. On the Queen's Birthday parade held 24th May, 1893, the regiment marched past in superb style. In May, 1893, its physical drill with arms team won the 1st prize from out the whole district, at the Bronze Medal divisional tournament, Aldershot. The regiment received a perfect ovation for its sprowess and splendid performances on the conclusion of the tournament.

It is sending up the following teams to compete at the Royal military tournament held in London this year, viz.: Physical drill with arms team, one heavyweight and one 120 stone (light) tug-of-war teams.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RIFLEMEN.

The annual meeting of the Sherbrook Rifle Association was held Friday night 23rd ult at the Magog House, Lt.-Col. Morehouse presiding and C. N. Fraser acting Secretary. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read. The election of officers was next in order only some few changes being made in last year's list. Lieut. Spearing consented to gain act as Secretary with Mr. Charley Fraser as assistant. It was decided to hold the match in August this year, and to open two matches to all comers. It was also decided to affiliate with the Dominion Association. The Secretary was to arrange for collectors to solicit prizes from our citizens in cash and kind and they will no doubt meet with the same liberal response as in years past.

The 60th Batt. and Missisquoi County Rifle Association held its annual meeting at the Bedford House, on the 30th June, 1893, Lt.-Col. Rowe, President, in the chair, and Dr. Hart acting as Secretary.

After the minutes of the previous meeting and the Financial Statement for 1892 were read and approved, Lt.-Col. Gilmour moved, and Major Hawley seconded the following resolution:

"That the members of the 60th Batt. and Missisquoi County Rifle Association in annual meeting assembled, express their deepest regret at the death of their Secretary-Treasurer, the late M. D. Corey, Esq., an officer who ever took an active and zealous part in promoting the welfare of the Association, and beg to tender their heartfelt sympathies to the near relatives and friends of the deceased in their sore bereavement. And it is further resolved that the above resolution be inscribed in the minutes of the Association, and copies sent to the family and to local papers."

The officers elected for the ensuing year were, Patron, Hon. G. B. Baker, M. P.; Vice-Patrons, E. E. Spencer, M. P., Hon. Thos. Wood, M. L. C., and Major J. C. McCorkill; Presidents, Major Hawley, 60th Batt.; Vice-Presidents, Lt.-Col. Rowe, Lt.-Col. Gilmour, Surgeon Slack, U. T. Chilton, Esq., H. Beatty, Esq., and J. M. Hill, Jr., Esq.; Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. D. A. Hart, M. D.; Executive Committee, Lt.-Col. Rowe, Major Jameson, Capt. McFie, 60th Batt., Capt. McFie, 6th Cavalry, Lieut. A. F. Beatty; Range officers, Major Jameson and U. T. Chilton; Lt.-Col. Gilmour, Lieut. Beatty and Lieut. Reid were named as a committee to choose a range, place and date of meeting for the next annual matches. Major Jameson was elected as the representative of this Association to the P. Q. R. A., affiliation with which was unanimously decided upon.

STANDING ARMIES OF EUROPE.

The following table will show the armies of Europe on a war footing in 1869 and 1892:

	1869.	1892.
France - - -	1,350,000	4,350,000
Germany - - -	1,300,000	5,000,000
Russia - - -	1,100,000	4,000,000
Austria - - -	750,000	1,900,000
Italy - - -	570,000	2,236,000
England - - -	450,000	602,000
Spain - - -	450,000	800,000
Turkey - - -	320,000	1,150,000
Switzerland - - -	150,000	489,000
Sweden-Norway - - -	130,000	338,000
Belgium - - -	95,000	258,000
Portugal - - -	70,000	154,000
Denmark - - -	45,000	91,000
Holland - - -	45,000	185,000
Montenegro - - -	40,000	55,000
Greece - - -	35,000	180,000
Roumania - - -	33,000	280,000
Serbia - - -	25,000	180,000

We see that in 1869 Europe had 6,958,000 soldiers and that now she has 22,248,000, more than triple the number in 1869.

The military expenses follow the same rate of progression, as the following figures will show, the estimate being in francs.

	1869.	1892.
Russia - - -	492,000,000	991,000,000
France - - -	471,000,000	691,000,000
England - - -	484,000,000	663,000,000
Germany - - -	224,000,000	561,000,000
Austria - - -	182,000,000	314,000,000
Italy - - -	141,000,000	298,000,000
Spain - - -	100,000,000	142,000,000
Holland - - -	41,000,000	59,000,000
Belgium - - -	29,000,000	40,000,000
Switzerland - - -	9,000,000	36,000,000
Portugal - - -	22,000,000	35,000,000
Sweden - - -	18,000,000	45,000,000
Roumania - - -	14,000,000	30,000,000
Denmark - - -	14,000,000	29,000,000
Greece - - -	2,000,000	19,000,000
Serbia - - -	12,000,000	29,000,000

Europe expended in 1869 2,228,000,000 francs on its armies, and now she expends 4,069,000,000 francs, and the various governments and they have not yet enough.

CORRESPONDENCES.

Mr. Editor,—

I'm a grumbler.

As an old rifle shot who will deny me my pet privilege of "kicking?"

The matter now?

Well I went down to see the Bisley team off the other night on the Sarnia.

The night was lovely (so was the mud on the wharves) but such a send off! A dozen or so of the personal friends of the Montreal members of the team, one or two others, and that's all; no band to cheer the scene. Not even a solitary bagpipe, to drown the bellowing of the cattle being driven to their quarters on the ship.

Does not the Montreal Brigade take enough interest in rifle shooting to have a band down, and may be a few officers and men in uniform to liven things up to do honor to the team going over as Canada's champions at Bisley?

What an encouragement to young shots